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Re: Clayton Chemical Site, Sauget, Illinois

Dear Mr. Turner:

The U.S. EPA's General Notice of Potential Liability letter to Eric C. Fast of Crane Co. relative to the above-referenced site has been referred to me for response. Please be advised that Crane Co. is in discussions with Sharon Newlon, Esq. of Dickinson Wright, PLLC, counsel for Nascote Industries, Inc, (an "Appendix A" large PRP) with a view towards joining the PRP Group as a *de minimus* participant. I will keep you apprised of the status of those discussions. All future communications regarding this matter should be directed to me at the address written above.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Eric C. Fast
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